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Introduced by Sen. STAVISKY -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to SUNY admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educational leader programs

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 210-a of the education law, as amended by chapter
2 454 of the laws of 2017, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 210-a. Admission requirements for graduate-level teacher and educa-
4 tional leader programs. Each institution registered by the department
5 with graduate-level teacher and leader education programs shall adopt
6 rigorous selection criteria geared to predicting a candidate's academic
7 success in its program, including but not limited to, [~~a minimum score~~
8 ~~on the graduate record examination or a substantially equivalent admis-~~
9 ~~sion examination, as determined by the institution, and~~] achievement of
10 a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher in the candidate's
11 undergraduate program; provided, however, such graduate record examina-
12 tion or substantially equivalent admission examination requirement shall
13 in no case apply to certified teachers or school administrators who
14 already hold a graduate degree. Each program may exempt no more than
15 fifteen percent of any incoming class of students from such selection
16 criteria set forth in this section based on a student's demonstration of
17 potential to positively contribute to the teaching profession or other
18 extenuating circumstances pursuant to the regulations of the commission-
19 er. A program shall report to the department the number of students
20 admitted pursuant to such exemption and the selection criteria used for
21 such exemptions.

22 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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